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# Presidential Preference Election (PPE)

## What is the PPE?

The Arizona Presidential Preference Election is not a definitive election. By that, we mean that *no one actually gets elected through the PPE process*. When the PPE is over, we still do not know who will be elected president. The PPE is more of a poll of voters' preferences about which candidate they favor within their party, at a given point in time.

What the PPE election *does* do is that it indicates to the party delegates from the State of Arizona, which presidential candidate of their party the voters *prefer* to have that delegate cast their vote for at the party Convention. Keep in mind though that sometimes a presidential candidate is no longer in the race by the time the Convention is held. In the case of Arizona delegates, this means that they can cast their vote for any remaining candidate of their party.

## Who Can Vote in the PPE?

A Cochise County registered voter who is registered with a state-recognized political party that has a presidential candidate *who is participating in the Arizona Presidential Preference Election* may vote in the PPE. Typically the parties that have a participating presidential candidate are the Democratic and Republican parties.

***This means that if you are a Cochise County registered voter, registered as an Independent, No Party Preference, No Party Designated or Other, you will not be able to vote in the Presidential Preference Election.***

Also, for example, if you belong to the Libertarian Party, *unless there is a Libertarian participating presidential candidate in the Arizona PPE*, you will not be able to vote in the PPE even though your party IS a statewide recognized political party.

*For additional information, please contact the Elections Department @ 520-432-8970.*

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